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Gov. Beshear announces Transportation Enhancement funding for western Kentucky communities

Projects will 'enhance quality of life' for cities of Kuttawa, Barlow and Clinton

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Gov. Steve Beshear today announced \$240,000 for sidewalk improvements, new streetscapes, pedestrian path and bike trail improvements in the western Kentucky region. The funding is part of the Transportation Enhancement (TE) program and reinforces Gov. Beshear's emphasis on investing in local communities.

"My administration is working to help local communities thrive," said Gov. Beshear. "This funding will help provide the citizens of Kuttawa, Barlow and Clinton more accessible sidewalks that promote community pride and enhance quality of life."

The projects include:

• City of Kuttawa – \$148,000

The Kuttawa Walking/Bicycling Trail Phase II project is located along and adjacent to KY 295. The construction of 8-foot sidewalks will provide a much safer means of pedestrian and bicycle access. The project will also help boost recreational opportunities for tourists and seasonal residents. In addition, the city will improve its aesthetic appeal with various landscaping measures. This is the second of three phases that will connect Old Kuttawa, the Lake Tract and New Kuttawa.

• **City of Barlow** – \$54,000

The Barlow sidewalk rehabilitation project will enable the city to replace deteriorated sidewalks, improving the city's non-motorized transportation routes and providing safer access to pedestrians and bicyclists.

• **City of Clinton** – \$38,000

The Clinton sidewalk and beautification project will allow the city to replace aging, cracked and buckled sidewalks, providing greater access and safety for pedestrians downtown. In addition, the city will improve landscaping and scenic beautification.

The TE program offers federal funding for unique and creative approaches that integrate

transportation into a community in an environmentally friendly way.

"Sometimes smaller, lower-cost improvements can do a great deal to enhance practical and aesthetic appeal," said Transportation Secretary Joe Prather. "Through effective use of our Transportation Enhancement dollars, we are helping communities throughout the commonwealth do great work that will improve life for local citizens."

More information about TE programs is available online at http://www.tea21.ky.gov.

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